

INSTRUCTION NO. 1

Members of the jury, the instructions I gave you at the beginning of the trial and during the trial remain in effect. I now give you some additional instructions.

You must, of course, continue to follow the instructions I gave you earlier, as well as those I give you now. You must not single out some instructions and ignore others, because all are important. This is true even though some of those I gave you at the beginning of or during trial are not repeated here.

The instructions I am about to give you are in writing and will be available to you in the jury room. I emphasize, however, that this does not mean they are more important than my earlier instructions. Again, all instructions, whenever given and whether in writing or not, must be followed.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

FILED

MAY 13 2015

IN OPEN COURT
JAMES W. McCORMACK, CLERK
BY: [Signature]
DEPUTY CLERK

INSTRUCTION NO. 2

It is your duty to find from the evidence what the facts are. You will then apply the law, as I give it to you, to those facts. You must follow my instructions on the law, even if you thought the law was different or should be different.

Do not allow sympathy or prejudice to influence you. The law demands of you a just verdict, unaffected by anything except the evidence, your common sense, and the law as I give it to you.

INSTRUCTION NO. 3

I have mentioned the word “evidence.” The “evidence” in this case consists of the testimony of witnesses, the documents and other things received as exhibits, and the facts that have been stipulated—that is, formally agreed to by the parties.

You may use reason and common sense to draw deductions or conclusions from facts which have been established by the evidence.

Certain things are not evidence. I will list those things again for you now:

1. Statements, arguments, questions and comments by lawyers representing the parties in the case are not evidence.
2. Objections are not evidence. Lawyers have a right to object when they believe something is improper. You should not be influenced by the objection. If I sustained an objection to a question, you must ignore the question and must not try to guess what the answer might have been.
3. Anything you saw or heard about this case outside the courtroom is not evidence.

INSTRUCTION NO. 4

In deciding what the facts are, you may have to decide what testimony you believe and what testimony you do not believe. You may believe all of what a witness said, or only part of it, or none of it.

In deciding what testimony to believe, consider the witness's intelligence, the opportunity the witness had to have seen or heard the things testified about, the witness's memory, any motives that witness may have for testifying a certain way, the manner of the witness while testifying, whether that witness said something different at an earlier time, the general reasonableness of the testimony, and the extent to which the testimony is consistent with any evidence that you believe.

In deciding whether or not to believe a witness, keep in mind that people sometimes hear or see things differently and sometimes forget things. You need to consider therefore whether a contradiction is an innocent misrecollection or lapse of memory or an intentional falsehood, and that may depend on whether it has to do with an important fact or only a small detail.

INSTRUCTION NO. 5

In considering the evidence you are not required to set aside your common knowledge, but you have a right to consider all the evidence in the light of your own observations and experiences in the affairs of life.

INSTRUCTION NO. 6

A party who has the burden of proof on a proposition must establish it by a preponderance of the evidence, unless the proposition is so established by other proof in the case.

“Preponderance of the evidence” means the greater weight of evidence. A fact has been proved by the greater weight of the evidence if you find that it is more likely true than not true. You decide that by considering all of the evidence and deciding what evidence is more believable.

The greater weight of the evidence is not necessarily established by the greater number of witnesses testifying to any fact or state of facts. It is the evidence which, when weighed with that opposed to it, has more convincing force and is more probably true and accurate. In determining whether any fact in issue has been proved by a preponderance of the evidence in the case, you may, unless otherwise instructed, consider the testimony of all witnesses, regardless of who may have called them, and all exhibits received in evidence, regardless of who may have produced them. If, upon any issue, the evidence appears to be equally balanced, or if you cannot say upon which side it weighs heavier, you must resolve that question against the party who has the burden of proving it.

Finally, you have probably heard the phrase “proof beyond a reasonable

doubt.” That is a stricter standard than “more likely true than not true.” It applies in criminal cases, but not in this civil case; so put it out of your mind.

INSTRUCTION NO. 7

A fact in dispute may be proved by circumstantial evidence as well as by direct evidence. A fact is established by direct evidence when, for example, it is proved by witnesses who testify to what they saw, heard, or experienced. A fact is established by circumstantial evidence when its existence can reasonably be inferred from other facts proved in the case.

INSTRUCTION NO. 8

Your verdict must be for plaintiff Claudius Johnson and against defendant City of Little Rock on Johnson's race discrimination claim if the following two elements have been proved:

First, the city did not promote Johnson; and

Second, Johnson's race was a motivating factor in the city's decision.

Your verdict must be for the city if either of the above elements has not been proved. You may find that Johnson's race was a motivating factor in the city's decision if it has been proved that the city's stated reason(s) for its decision are a pretext to hide race discrimination.

INSTRUCTION NO. 9

As used in these instructions, Johnson's race was a motivating factor if Johnson's race played a part in the city's decision to not promote Johnson. Johnson's race need not have been the only reason for the city's decision.

INSTRUCTION NO. 10

You may not return a verdict for Johnson just because you might disagree with the city's decision to hire Gil Standridge.

INSTRUCTION NO. 11

If you find in favor of Johnson under Instruction 8, then you must award him such sum as you find will fairly and justly compensate him for any damages you find he sustained as a direct result of the city's decision to deny the promotion to him. Johnson's claim for damages includes two distinct types of damages, and you must consider them separately:

First, you must determine the amount of any wages and fringe benefits Johnson would have earned in his employment with the city if he had been promoted on November 29, 2012, through the date of your verdict, minus the amount of earnings and benefits that he actually received during that time.

Second, you must determine the amount of any other damages sustained by Johnson. You must enter separate amounts for each type of damages in the verdict form and must not include the same items in more than one category.

Remember, throughout your deliberations, you must not engage in any speculation, guess, or conjecture and you must not award damages under this instruction by way of punishment or through sympathy.

INSTRUCTION NO. 12

If you find in favor of Johnson under Instruction 8, but you find that his damages have no monetary value, then you must return a verdict for Johnson in the nominal amount of One Dollar (\$1.00).

INSTRUCTION NO. 13

You should consider and decide this case as a dispute between persons of equal standing in the community, of equal worth, and holding the same or similar stations in life. A municipality is entitled to the same fair trial as a private individual. All persons, including municipalities, and other organizations stand equal before the law, and are to be treated as equals.

INSTRUCTION NO. 14

There are rules you must follow when you go to the jury room to deliberate and return with your verdict.

First, you will select a foreperson. That person will preside over your discussions and speak for you here in court.

Second, it is your duty, as jurors, to discuss this case with one another in the jury room. You should try to reach agreement, if you can do this without going against what you believe to be the truth, because all jurors have to agree on the verdict.

Each of you must come to your own decision, but only after you have considered all the evidence, discussed the evidence fully with your fellow jurors, and listened to the views of your fellow jurors.

Do not be afraid to change your mind if the discussion persuades you that you should. But, do not come to a decision just because other jurors think it is right, or just to reach a verdict. Remember you are not for or against any party. You are judges — judges of the facts. Your only job is to study the evidence and decide what is true.

Third, if you need to communicate with me during your deliberations, send me a note signed by one or more of you. Give the note to the court security officer and I will answer you as soon as I can, either in writing or here in court. While you are

deliberating, do not tell anyone—including me—how many jurors are voting for any side.

Fourth, your verdict has to be based only on the evidence and on the law that I have given to you in my instructions. Nothing I have said or done was meant to suggest what I think your verdict should be. The verdict is entirely up to you.

Finally, the verdict form is your written decision in this case. You will take this form to the jury room, and when you have all agreed on the verdict, your foreperson will fill in the form, sign and date it, and tell the court security officer that you are ready to return to the courtroom.